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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of July 7, 2006, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 10, 2006, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the present application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in light of the following remarks and amendments.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.